

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)

CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) was created in 1982 to promote, foster and coordinate criminal justice planning, and to review and prioritize applications for criminal justice funds by local entities. As required by the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD), the CJAC membership (see Bylaws below) consists of individuals from around the 10-county region who have been appointed by CAPCOG's Executive Committee to serve in the capacity of grant application review and prioritization. The CJAC reviews and scores each application based on its own merit, prioritizes the list of scored applications, and presents a list of funding recommendations to the CAPCOG Executive Committee for approval to submit to the Governor's Office.

Neither CAPCOG, nor the CJAC make funding awards. All funding decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Governor's Office, CJD.

CJAC Member Appointment

CJAC members are appointed to the committee by the CAPCOG Executive Committee who is currently seated to represent the geographical area where there is a CJAC vacancy. The CAPCOG Executive Committee member makes the "recommendation" or "appointment" verbally at the monthly Executive Committee meeting (second Wednesday of the month), so that the information is recorded on the record.

Representatives selected to fill CJAC vacancies must meet the following qualifications:

- A multi-disciplinary representation of members from the region is required by contractual agreement with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. This representation should *include law enforcement, juvenile justice, drug abuse prevention, nonprofit organizations, victim services, mental health, prosecution/courts, education, and concerned citizens or parents.*
- No single group may constitute more than one third (1/3) of the committee.
- In the event the composition of the board falls out of compliance with the requirements listed under section two, the CAPCOG staff will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a representative who fulfills the mandated criteria.
- Committee members must also be representative of the population of State Planning Region 12 in terms of sex, ethnicity, age, geography, and socioeconomic status.

CJAC Member Meetings

CJAC members meet approximately four times a year: once in October to prepare for the upcoming Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) grant cycle, once in the spring for orientation, and twice in early summer for application review and prioritization.

More Information

Go to www.capcog.org, click on "Regional Services", then select "Criminal Justice" to learn more about CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Coordination and the CJAC.